



2006 Events at the Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center

January



14 Winter Mammal Tracking Clinic

9 am - 3 pm. Learn to identify winter animal tracks. Grab a pair of snowshoes and follow their trails through the snow. \$15 fee; snowshoes provided. BYO lunch and refreshments. Register by January 6. Limit 20 people.

28 & 29 Timber Wolf - Winter Tracking & Ecology

9 am Saturday to noon Sunday. *Timber Wolf Information Network* discusses wolf ecology, population biology, management issues, and field study techniques, including winter tracking in the field. \$65 fee includes instruction materials, two meals, dorm lodging, and field trip into wolf territory. BYO Saturday lunch and refreshments. Register by January 18. Limit 25 people. *Repeated February 18-19.*

February

4 Porcupine Ecology on Snowshoes

9 am - 2 pm. Join staff as they conduct porcupine ecology research at Sandhill. Search for sign and check live-traps. We provide the snowshoes, coffee and hot chocolate. You provide lunch and \$15 registration fee. Register by February 1. Limit 20 people.



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March

4 & 5 Snowshoe Weaving

9 am Saturday - 3 pm Sunday. Snowshoeing is more popular than ever. Join the craze and weave your own traditional snowshoes! The functional beauty resulting from your handiwork will amaze you! Fee includes kit (wooden frame, lacing), bindings, and instruction. Contact us for information about snowshoe styles and fees. Register by January 25. Limit 15 people.

11 Wilderness Medicine - Going Beyond I

9 am - noon. Rod Erickson, M.D., goes beyond basics with topics on hygiene, common injuries, broken bones, medicines for use in the back-country, and evacuation strategies. A must for those who play in the outdoors. Recommended for persons guiding groups on extended trips in the outdoors. \$15 registration fee. Register by March 1. Limit 20 people.



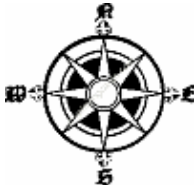
April

22 Outdoor Cooking

10 am - 3 pm. Great food makes any outdoor experience better! Join Laura Huber and practice techniques for successful outdoor meals. This workshop specializes in the use of Dutch ovens. Participants eat what they cook! \$20 fee includes meal and refreshments. Register by April 12. Limit 25 people.

29 Friends of Sandhill Open House Day!

9 am to 3 pm. Join volunteers of Friends of Sandhill for a day of family fun exploring nature's secrets on Sandhill. Complimentary snacks and refreshments served while they last. Mother Nature flea market...so bring your wallet to help with fund-raising!



May

6 & 7 Orienteering--Fun with Compass and Map

8:30 am - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 2 pm Sunday. Learn how to navigate in the out-of-doors with compass and map. A must for hunters, hikers and backpackers. Learn how to use detailed maps & compasses. Navigate through several compass courses, including a cross-country exercise of several miles! BYO own lunches. Fee \$25. Register by April 26.

June

10 Turtle Tagging!

5:30 to 10 pm. Join Sandhill Wildlife Area staff biologists in research surveys of nesting female turtles. Aid them in collecting biological information by marking snapping turtles, painted turtles and Blanding's turtles. \$15 fee; register by June 1. Limited to 10 people, ages 12 and up. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.



September

9 Waterfowl Hunting: Beginners Workshop
9 am - 3 pm. For kids age 12+. Co-sponsored by Ducks Unlimited and Wisconsin Waterfowl Association. Demonstrations on decoying, duck calling, hunting with dogs and basics in identifying ducks. Practice shotgunning on our range. \$15 fee includes lunch and refreshments. Register by August 30. Limit 30.

16 & 17 Trapper Education Workshop
9 am - 2 pm. Ages 12 and up. Required by law for first-time trappers, this 2-day course provides hands-on learning about humane and efficient manners of trapping. Learn to select, care for and set traps, prepare pelts. Co-sponsored with the Wisconsin Trappers Association. BYO Saturday lunch. \$45 fee includes 3 meals and manual. Register by September 6. Limit 25 people.

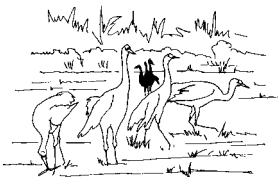
October

7 & 8 Morning on the Marsh
2 pm Saturday - 11 am Sunday. Camp on rim of Gallagher Marsh and witness the spectacular migration of over 5,000 cranes. Listen to marsh music as birds fly across the sunset and across the dawn sky. Plenty of ducks, geese and bald eagles too! BYO camping gear. \$30 fee includes 2 meals. Register by September 27. Limit 20 people.

~~**21 & 22 Advanced Outdoor Photography Canceled**
10:00 am Saturday - 2 pm Sunday. Capture the autumn migration on film during this advanced clinic for 35 mm buffs. Learn various wildlife and outdoor photography techniques and other skills from expert Doug Aft. BYO lunch, film, photo equipment. \$45 fee includes 2 meals and refreshments. Dorm stat. extra (see Dorm Use) Register by October 11. Limit 20 people. Canceled~~



28 Crane-watch Magic
3 pm - dark. Experience the flight of 6,000 cranes as they return to the Gallagher Marsh after a day of feeding in surrounding fields. Dress warm in neutral colors (camouflage preferred). Rain or shine (the birds will be there). Scopes, binoculars and cameras welcomed. Register by October 18 with \$15 fee. Limit 25 people.



December

2 Volunteer Carnivore Training & Refresher Clinic
9 am to 2:30 pm. Sponsored by the DNR Bureau of Endangered Resources' Wolf Project, this training clinic is mandatory for persons seriously interested in contributing volunteer time (3 X's per winter) assisting the DNR in their census of wolves and other Wisconsin carnivores. Other workshops exist If you are curious about wolves (see January 28/29 and February 18/19, above), but are not serious about this *commitment* in time. A recommended pre-requisite for those who are serious about helping in census work is the *Wolf Ecology* workshops sponsored by TWIN (see January 28/29 and February 18/19, above; at Beaver Creek Reserve; and Treehaven each winter), and TWA's annual event held in August. Fee: \$15.00. Register by November 22. Limit: 35 people.

Special Public Hunt Within Sandhill

The decision to hold public hunts within Sandhill are based on the deer density during that particular year. To see if Sandhill will be having one this year, please call the Sandhill Wildlife Biologist at 715-884-6331.

Workshop Registration & Dorm Use Policy

Workshop Registration: To register for a workshop, send:

1. the name and date of the workshop,
2. the address, **daytime phone number**, e-mail address, and name of the person registering for the workshop,
3. a check or money order in the amount listed made out to **DNR-Skills Center - we do not accept credit cards.**

You may reserve a space in the Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center dormitory for the evening before, and/or following any of the workshops by sending :

How To Register

1. Name, sex, age and relationship(s) of each individual
2. Day and date dorm lodging is requested
3. A donation of \$15 per person, per night is appreciated.

You must supply a sleeping bag, pillow, and personal gear. We supply a bunk bed in one of eight, 4-person rooms, and shower-equipped bathrooms. Registration is based on receipt of payment on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cancellation Policy

Tabulate registration fee(s) and dorm lodging donation, and make check out to: **DNR-Skills Center**. Provide necessary information on workshop, participants, and lodging requests. Mail to: Sandhill DNR, Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413

Registration is based on receipt of payment on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds for cancellations will be honored 5 working days before the event. Persons sending in registrations after the clinic/workshop is filled will have their checks returned.

For more information consult our website at: www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/reclands/sandhill, or call: 715-884-6333, or e-mail "Richard.Thiel @dnr.state.wi.us".

Learn to Hunt Deer "Hunt/Workshops"

Applications will be available at all DNR Service Centers and Regional Headquarters in early-March and must be post marked by May 31. All participants, **including beginner adults**, must be enrolled or have completed a Hunter Safety course. The hunt will be on Saturday and Sunday, Tentatively November 4th and 5th. Previous participants are ineligible.

YOUTH WORKSHOPS - August:

Saturday, August 5th	Tuesday, August 8th
Thursday August 10th	Saturday, August 12th
Tuesday, August 15 th	Thursday, August 17th

*Youth must be less than 16 years old on the dates of the hunt, November 4/5. Workshops are one-day 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. Fee: \$35. BYO lunch. We will provide refreshments.

BEGINNER ADULT WORKSHOP - September 23

*Applicants must sign an affidavit indicating they have never hunted deer with a gun before. Age 16 + eligible. Fee: \$35. BYO lunch and refreshments.

